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ASSISTANCE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF EL SALVADOR

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd to 35th, 42nd and 45th meetings, on 16 to 18 and 29 November and 6 December. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.33-35, 42 and 45). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador (A/48/310).

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 16 November, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and the Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Development Programme (see A/C.2/48/SR.33).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/48/L.43

5. At the 42nd meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Costa Rica, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador" (A/C.2/48/L.43), on behalf of Angola, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Rwanda, Spain, Suriname and Venezuela, subsequently joined by Belize, Colombia, Guyana and the Russian Federation.

6. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), informed the Committee of the following revisions to the draft resolution made on the basis of informal consultations:

(a) At the end of the second preambular paragraph, the following text was added:

"on assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador, 1/ the further report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador, 2/";

"2/ S/26790.

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the words "cooperation community" were replaced with the words "cooperating community";

(c) In operative paragraph 7, after the words "financial resources", the words "in a timely manner and in the necessary amounts" were deleted.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.43, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolution 784 (1992) of 30 October 1992 and reaffirming its resolution 47/158 of 18 December 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador, 1/ and the further report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador, 2/

Noting the progress made in implementing the commitments assumed as a result of the signing, on 16 January 1992 at Mexico City, of the Chapultepec Agreement 3/ between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional, which put an end to the armed conflict in El Salvador through a process developed under the auspices of the Secretary-General,

Recognizing that El Salvador is at a critical stage of transition and that international cooperation will help to overcome the difficulties that have arisen and to implement fully the commitments assumed under the Chapultepec Agreement,

Noting that, in spite of national efforts and the support given by the international community to the implementation of priority programmes in the National Reconstruction Plan and the strengthening of democratic institutions, some of these programmes have been affected by, inter alia, the limited availability of financial resources,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General and the "group of four friends", Colombia, Mexico, Spain and Venezuela, and to the United States of America and other States that are helping to build peace in El Salvador;

2. Expresses its gratitude to the international community, especially the cooperating community, to the specialized agencies of the United Nations system and to other governmental and non-governmental organizations for the technical and financial assistance they have provided to El Salvador to supplement the effort to build peace;

3. Recognizes that the implementation of the National Reconstruction Plan and the strengthening of democratic institutions are efforts complementary to the peace process: they reflect the collective aspirations and needs of the country, being means of overcoming the root causes of the crisis and of consolidating peace, democracy and human development;

4. Calls upon the signatories to the Chapultepec Agreement to expedite the implementation of any remaining commitments under that Agreement, in order to guarantee fully the building of peace in El Salvador and hence to encourage the international community to increase the level of financial resources

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1/ A/48/310.

2/ S/26790.

3/ A/46/864-S/23501, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-seventh Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1992, document S/23501.

accorded to priority projects for reconstruction, development and the strengthening of democratic institutions in El Salvador;

5. Calls upon the Government of El Salvador to consider the possibility, in the implementation of projects under the National Reconstruction Plan in areas affected by the conflict, of greater involvement of non-governmental organizations that have addressed the needs of the populations of those areas, with a view to making the projects more sustainable and facilitating increased participation by civilian society in decisions affecting its future;

6. Emphasizes the importance of external technical and financial assistance to the implementation of the complementary efforts for building peace;

7. Again requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures and make every possible effort to mobilize material and financial resources, in keeping with the requirements for the progress of priority programmes in El Salvador;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador", and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution.